

BEST COPY
Available
THROUGHOUT
FOLDER

NSA review completed

Army review(s) completed.

6/24/98

NSC BRIEFING

9 October 1956

SUEZ BACKGROUND: ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

- I. Ground Forces: Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is 108,500. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

Sinai Peninsula & Israeli Front -- 35,900

Canal Zone -- 15,000

Nile Delta Area -- 56,100

- A. G-2 estimates that 1,500 other Egyptian troops are in scattered garrisons up the Nile and in Western Desert oases.
- B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks include 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.
- C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following:

TANKS	MISC ARMORED VEHICLES	ARTILLERY FIELD		ARTILLERY A/T	
L. M. H.	650	SP 75mm-	100mm-	SP 57mm-	
		100mm	155mm	151 75mm	
40 259 82		11 124	50	249	
ARTILLERY A/A		ARTILLERY MISC			
20mm- 75mm-		Rocket-Launchers,		Mortars	
40mm 130mm		recoilless		81mm-120mm	
470 36		1,200		288	

- II. Naval Forces: Principal concentrations are in three areas:

ALEXANDRIA:

PORT SAID:

RED SEA:

4 destroyers

2 patrol escorts

1 patrol escort

25X1A

NSA review completed

Army review(s) completed.

4 patrol escorts 7 motor torpedo boats 6 motor torpedo
6 fleet minesweepers boats
7 coastal minesweepers
8 motor torpedo boats

25X1

III. Air Force:

- A. Recent EAF redeployment will strengthen defense of the Canal Zone at the expense of the air defense of the Cairo area.
- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 Il-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas;

CANAL ZONE AREA:

Abu Suweir--15 MIG-15 jet fighters

Fayid --20 Meteor jet fighters

Kabrit --15 MIG-15 jet fighters

Kasfarest --17 Vampire jet fighters

CAIRO AREA:

Almaza--9 piston fighters
8 piston recon.

C/West--17 Vampire Jet
fighters

27 jet l. bombers
6 piston m. bomb-
ers

Inchas--15 MIG-15 jet
fighters

25X1A - 2 -

25X1

NSC BRIEFING

25X1A

11 OCTOBER 1956

SUEZ BACKGROUND: ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

I. Ground Forces: Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is 108,500. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

Sinai Peninsula & Israeli Front -- 35,900

Canal Zone -- 15,000

Nile Delta Area -- 58,100

- A. G-2 estimates that 1,500 other Egyptian troops are in scattered garrisons up the Nile and in Western Desert oases.
- B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks include 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.



C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following:

TANKS			MISC ARMORED VEHICLES	ARTILLERY FIELD		ARTILLERY A/T	
L.	M.	H.	650	SP	75mm- 100mm	100mm- 155mm	SP 57mm- 75mm
40	259	82		11	124	59	151 249
ARTILLERY A/A			ARTILLERY MISC				
20mm- 40mm	75mm- 130mm		Rocket-Launchers, recoilless		Mortars 81mm-120mm		
470	36		1,200		288		

25X1A

II. Naval Forces: Principal concentrations are in three areas:

ALEXANDRIA:

4 destroyers
4 patrol escorts
6 fleet minesweepers
7 coastal minesweepers
8 motor torpedo boats

PORT SAID:

2 patrol escorts
7 motor torpedo
boats

RED SEA:

1 patrol escort
6 motor torpedo
boats

25X1

25X1A

III. Air Force:

- A. Recent EAF redeployment will strengthen defense of the Canal Zone at the expense of the air defense of the Cairo area.
- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 IL-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas:

CANAL ZONE AREA:

Abu Suweir--15 MIG-15 jet fighters
 Fayid --20 Meteor jet fighters
 Kabrit --15 MIG-15 jet fighters
 Kasfarest --17 Vampire jet fighters

CAIRO AREA:

Almaza--9 piston fighters
 8 piston recon.
 C/Hest--17 Vampire jet fighters
 27 jet l.bombers
 6 piston m.bombers
 Inchas--15 MIG-15 jet fighters

25X1

Approved For Release 2003/10/21 : CIA-RDP79R00890A000700100004-5

Approved For Release 2003/10/21 : CIA-RDP79R00890A000700100004-5